

JOINT U.S.-U.S.S.R. STATEMENT

NICOSIA, MAY 7³

As agreed, Foreign Minister A. A. Gromyko, Member of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and Henry A. Kissinger, Secretary of State and Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, met on May 7 in Nicosia, Cyprus.

Pursuant to their recent discussions in Washington and Geneva, they continued the consideration of a number of questions pertaining to Soviet-American relations and to the situation in the Middle East.

They also discussed as a part of the general problem of a Middle East settlement the question of a disengagement of forces on the Syria-Israel front.

Both sides regard the exchange of views as being mutually useful.

³Issued following a meeting between Secretary Kissinger and Foreign Minister Gromyko (press release 178 dated May 8).